MEDIA STATEMENT

TNPA UPGRADES KEY ROADS TO IMPROVE CARGO FLOW AT THE PORT OF RICHARDS BAY

[Richards Bay, 2 November 2026] – Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) has commenced a R375 million rehabilitation programme to upgrade critical road infrastructure at the Port of Richards Bay. The investment forms part of TNPA's ongoing infrastructure renewal programme to support cargo growth, improve operational efficiency and strengthen South Africa's logistics network. The project also advances Transnet's Reinvent for Growth (R4G) strategy, which prioritises infrastructure recovery and enhanced performance across the logistics value chain.

The programme focuses on Urania Road, Newark Road and Ventura Road, key transport corridors within the port that provide access to major terminals and operational facilities. Increased heavy vehicle traffic over recent years has accelerated wear and tear on these routes, requiring significant upgrades to ensure long-term operational sustainability. The works include pavement strengthening, road widening, concrete surfacing, drainage and stormwater improvements, road safety enhancements, and related infrastructure upgrades. Once completed, the project will improve road capacity and condition, resulting in smoother traffic flow, faster truck turnaround times and greater operational reliability.

Richards Bay acting Port Manager, Winnie Mpanza, said: "This investment demonstrates TNPA's commitment to develop and maintain world-class port infrastructure that enables economic trade. The rehabilitation of these key roads will improve safety and ensure that the Port of Richards Bay continues to meet the needs of all port users while supporting future growth and investment. "This project reinforces Port of Richards Bay's role as a strategic gateway for South African trade."

The project is expected to create approximately 72 employment opportunities during the construction phase, contributing to skills development, local economic participation and broader socio-economic development in surrounding communities. The 18-month project commenced in October 2026 and forms part of TNPA's broader commitment to investing in infrastructure that improves the competitiveness, efficiency and resilience of South Africa's ports.

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